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SUBJECT: RWANDA POLICY - U.S., FRANCE AND BELGIUM READING (MORE OR LESS) FROM THE SAME SCRIPT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: AT THEIR REQUEST, AF/C ACTING DIRECTOR REED FENDRICK MET SEPARATELY WITH FRENCH AND BELGIAN EMBASSY AFRICA WATCHERS ON MAY 26 TO DISCUSS RWANDA AND ZAIRE.

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THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS ON THE OUTLINES OF POLICY TOWARD RWANDA, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH PLACED A GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF MOBUTU IN BROKERING A SETTLEMENT. ZAIRE CONVERSATIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

3. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS ON MAY 26, ACTING AF/C DIRECTOR FENDRICK MET AT THEIR REQUEST WITH ALAIN GIRMA AND BERTRAND DE CROMBRUGGE, THE AFRICA WATCHERS FROM THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN EMBASSIES RESPECTIVELY, TO REVIEW U.S. POLICY TOWARD RWANDA AND TO ELICIT PARIS' AND BRUSSELS' LATEST THINKING ON THE REGIONAL CRISIS. THE FRENCH STRESSED THE NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE IN RWANDA, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EFFORTS OF REGIONAL HEADS OF STATE -- LED BY MOBUTU -- COULD CONVINCE THE BELLIGERENTS THAT A MILITARY SOLUTION WAS NOT THE ANSWER. ACCORDING TO GIRMA, FRANCE SEEKS A COMMITMENT FROM BOTH RWANDAN PARTIES TO STOP THE VIOLENCE AND A COMMITMENT FROM "COUNTRIES IN THE REGION" (READ ZAIRE AND UGANDA) TO RESPECT THE ARMS EMBARGO. BOTH THE RPF AND THE GOR MUST

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ACCEPT THE ARUSHA FRAMEWORK AND THE CONCEPT OF POWER-SHARING. THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRES MUST BE EXCLUDED, BUT THAT ALL FORCES MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

4. FENDRICK REVIEWED THE U.S. POSITION IN BOTH MEETINGS, AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO BOTH STOP AND KILLINGS AND BROKER A CEASEFIRE. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. BELIEVES THE RPF WRONG IN MAKING AN END TO THE KILLING ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR AGREEING TO A CEASEFIRE -- THE MASSACRES MUST STOP, BUT THE BELLIGERENTS MUST AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE IN ORDER TO PERMIT ANY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATION. THE U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE ARUSHA PROCESS, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING THE RWANDA CONFLICT FROM SPILLING OVER INTO BURUNDI. FENDRICK SAID THAT THE U.S. HOPED THE UN HUMANITARIAN OPERATION COULD MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO ASSIST RWANDAN REFUGEES AND THE DISPLACED, BUT THAT PROBLEMS REMAINED IN HOW TO ASSIST AN ENLARGED UNAMIR TO GET BACK INTO RWANDA. THE U.S. SUPPORTED AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE MASSACRES IN RWANDA. WE EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FRENCH VIEW ON RWANDA, BUT NOTED THAT WE DISAGREED WITH PARIS' EMPHASIS ON A LEADING ROLE FOR MOBUTU. ZAIRE MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH A REGIONAL SETTLEMENT, BUT WE

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VIEWED MOBUTU'S ACTIONS TO DATE AS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

5. GIRMA ASKED ABOUT ARMS TRAFFICKING INTO RWANDA, AND FENDRICK REMARKED THAT WE HAD MADE TOUGH DEMARCHE TO BOTH MOBUTU'S INNER CIRCLE AND PRESIDENT MUSEVENI CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO PROVISION OF ARMS AND MATERIEL TO THE BELLIGERENTS. FENDRICK QUERIED THE FRENCH ON
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POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. GIRMA REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH FRANCE COULD NOT COMMIT TROOPS, THE GOF HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SENEGALESE OFFERING EQUIPMENT AND PERHAPS TRANSPORTATION TO A POSSIBLE SENEGALESE BATTALION FOR UNAMIR. FENDRICK STRESSED THE NEED FOR BURDEN-SHARING IN AN EXPANDED UN OPERATION IN RWANDA.

6. IN A LATER MEETING WITH THE BELGIAN AFRICA WATCHER, WE COVERED MUCH THE SAME GROUND. THE BELGIANS SHARE THE U.S. AND FRENCH VIEWS, AND ARE EQUALLY SKEPTICAL OF AN ENLARGED ROLE FOR MOBUTU. BELGIUM WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF ANY U.S. OR UN INITIATIVES ON RWANDA, AND WILL ASSIST IN FINANCING THE EXPANDED UNAMIR, BUT REITERATED THAT BRUSSELS COULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD.

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